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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT PRESS REACTION TO NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS AT OSLO WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON STATEMENTS BY BITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL. SECRETARY'S KISSINGER'S OBSERVATION THAT "PRESENT TERRITORIAL ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE PERMANENT" WAS HEADLINED MAY 21 IN PRO-SAMPSON MAKHI AND PHILELEFTHEROS, WHICH REFLECTS MAKARIOS' VIEWPOINT. WEEKEND PRESS VIEWED MEETINGS WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; TYPICAL NEWS TREATMENT WAS: MAKHI - "NO PROGRESS IN BREAKING CYPRUS"

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DEADLOCK"; PHILELEFTHEROS - "WORDS WITHOUT RESULTS, SLIGHT

TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ONLY BASIC CHANGE"; COMMUNIST HARAVGHI -  
"NOTHING CONCRETE FROM BITSIOS-CAGLAYANGIL TALKS IN OSLO."

2. EDITORIAL REACTION TO OSLO MEETINGS WAS UNIVERSALLY  
CAUTIOUS, REFLECTING FEAR THAT CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS BEING  
DISCUSSED IN FORUM TO WHICH CYPRIOT PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS  
AND WARNING AGAINST ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE SETTLEMENT  
UNACCEPTABLE TO CYPRIOTS. LEFTIST PRESS OBJECTED TO NATO  
DISCUSSING CYPRUS; MAY 19 PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA WROTE: "UNDER  
GUIDANCE OF KISSINGER AND GENSCHER A NATO SOLUTION IS BEING  
PROMOTED IN OSLO WHICH WILL MEAN THE ENSLAVEMENT OF CYPRUS  
AND GREECE TO NATO." PHILELEFTHEROS MAY 20 WHILE CONCEDED  
THAT "WE HAVE NO POWER OR RIGHT TO TELL THEM NOT TO DISCUSS  
CYPRUS" INSISTED "WE MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS  
ONLY CONCERNS THE PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND." PRO-MAKARIOS  
DEMOCRATIKI MAY 24 DOUBTED SINCERITY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S  
STATEMENT ON TERRITORIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND WARNED: "FROM ARCH-  
PLOTTER HE IS NOW TURNING INTO ARCH-ARBITRATOR, AND HE WILL  
NOT HESITATE TO POSE AS ARCH-SAVIOR TO WIN THE GRATITUDE OF  
HIS VICTIMS." PAPER CONCLUDED IF KISSINGER IS SERIOUS, HE  
HAS MEANS TO IMPOSE HONORABLE AND VIABLE ARRANGEMENTS, NOT BY  
STATEMENTS AND ASSURANCES BUT BY DEEDS.  
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